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SPRINGFIELD MAN SENTENCED FOR ARMED BANK ROBBERY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for robbing O'Bannon Bank with his son.

Richard Lee Paine, Sr., 37, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Paine** to pay \$3,300 in restitution.

On Oct. 14, 2003, **Paine** pleaded guilty to using a handgun to rob O'Bannon Bank, Gem Center Branch, Old Highway 65 South in Dallas County, Mo.

Paine entered the bank with his 16-year-old son on June 15, 2002, Graves said, and approached a teller. **Paine** pulled a handgun from his waistband and pointed the handgun at the teller, announcing, "This is a stick up. Hand me your large bills." After a short pause, **Paine** said, "I mean it. This is a stick up. Give me your large bills." The teller removed money from her teller drawer and placed it on the teller counter. **Paine** put the money in a plastic bag and left the bank carrying \$3,300.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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